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AP: Cappon is general news editor

Rene J. Cappon, 45, is moving up to general news editor of the Associated Press, succeeding Samuel G. Blackman, who retires November 1 after a 38-year career with the organization.

Wes Gallagher, general manager, announced the promotion of Cappon from managing editor of the AP along with other appointments at headquarters.

Louis D. Boccardi, who has been enterprise editor, will succeed Cappon as managing editor.

Nate Polowetzky, supervising editor of Newsfeatures, was named enterprise editor.

Blackman, a graduate of Rutgers University, started his news career with the *Long Branch* (N.J.) *Daily Record* and was later city editor of the *New Brunswick* (N.J.) *Home News*. In 1931, he joined the AP at Trenton.

In 1941, he was assigned to the New York bureau and in 1945 became chief of the bureau in New York, a position he held



Rene J. Cappon

until he was elevated to general news editor in 1958.

Cappon attended the University of Iowa. He joined the AP in Baltimore in 1944. After assignments in the U. S. and Europe he returned to New York



Samuel G. Blackman

in 1956 as a member of the Newsfeatures staff. Two years later he was made supervising editor of that department, a post he held until 1962, when he resigned to join a family newspaper in Anchorage, Alaska. He

returned to the AP in 1964 as managing editor.

Boccardi, 32, is a native of New York and a graduate of Fordham College and the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism. Before joining the AP in 1967 as an executive assistant to Blackman, he worked for the *New York World-Telegram & Sun*, rising to the post of assistant managing editor. He was also assistant managing editor of the *World Journal Tribune*.

Polowetzky, 48, is a graduate of Rutgers. A native of New Jersey, he gained his early experience on the *Newark Star Ledger* before joining the AP in New York City in 1944. From that time until 1961 he was in the foreign service. He returned to the United States to become business editor. Two years later he was reassigned as assistant general news editor under Blackman, and in 1964 was named supervising editor of newsfeatures.

UPI: Big division for Tremaine

Two executive assignments in United Press International's headquarters operations were announced this week by Mims Thomason, president.

Frank Tremaine, a UPI vice-president since 1958 and general business manager since 1965, was named general manager of a newly-created North American department.

A. P. Bock, comptroller and secretary of UPI since 1964, has been elected a vicepresident and will be assigned expanded responsibilities for budget control functions and implementation of computerized management information.

All of North America

Tremaine will be responsible for all UPI operations in the North American area which will include the six U. S. divisions, Canada, the Caribbean and Mexico-Central America. Other geographic departments in the UPI structure are Europe-Africa-Middle East (London), South America (Buenos Aires), and Asia (Tokyo).

"The changes are designed to strengthen UPI's general management organization, clarify lines of internal communications, and streamline our structure for better handling of UPI's expanding news and news pictures operations for news pictures

broadcasters throughout the world," Thomason said.

Headed bureau during war

Tremaine, 55, was born in Detroit, reared in Pasadena, Calif., and began his UPI career in Salt Lake City in 1936 after graduating cum laude from Stanford University with a degree in journalism. He was bureau manager in Hawaii when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor in 1941 and was in charge of UPI coverage in the Pacific throughout the war. He was UPI's first Tokyo bureau manager after World War II.

He headed bureaus in Mexico City and Los Angeles, and the Korean war desk in Tokyo, before moving to the news pictures department in New York in 1952.

Bock, 50, joined UPI in New York in 1937 and, from 1949 to 1952, was comptroller for South America in Buenos Aires. He became general accountant in New York and was appointed assistant treasurer and secretary in 1957 and comptroller and secretary in 1964. Bock is a native of New York. During World War II, he was in the U. S. Army counter-intelligence corps.



McDowell



Lyon

UPI will set up news picture lab

United Press International plans to set up a news picture research department to concentrate on wired transmission of color pictures.

Mims Thomason, president of UPI, said the research work would be carried out under the direction of Cliff McDowell, vice-president and since 1965 general manager of UPI Newspictures. The laboratory will be located in the San Francisco area.

F. W. (Bill) Lyon Jr., now southern division news pictures editor, will succeed McDowell as general manager of the news pictures department in New York. The new assignments will be effective January 1.

McDowell has headed UPI's worldwide news picture operations since 1965, coming to New York from San Francisco where he had been Pacific division news pictures manager.

He and Lyon began their career with Acme Newspictures.

